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SUBJ: MALTA SPECIAL PAYMENTS - FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

REF: A. USNATO 1215

B. STATE 38344

C. MBC- WP(73)5

1. MBC GROUP OF FIVE MET ON 12 MARCH AND FINALIZED THE FINANCIAL PROCEDURES (REF C) FOR THE SPECIAL PAYMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA. ALL COUNTRIES AGREED TO PAY IN NATIONAL CURRENCIES AND, EXCEPT FOR QUESTION OF NATO SPOKESMAN WHICH REMAINS OPEN, RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS MADE BY DEPT. IN REF B HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE PROCEDURES AND INTO THE COVERING NOTE THAT WILL GO TO COUNCIL. OTHER CHANGES MADE TO THE PROCEDURES BY OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP OF FIVE WERE OF MINOR NATURE AND INCLUDED REVISED DATES WHEN THE SPECIAL PAYMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA WILL BE DUE.

2. AS NOTED ABOVE, THE QUESTION OF NATO SPOKESMAN REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL

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OPEN. OUR EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS, SPECIFICALLY FRG, TO TAKE ON THIS ROLE PRODUCED NO VOLUNTEERS, AND MATTER NOW WILL

GO TO COUNCIL TO BE RESOLVED. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF FIVE FELT THAT THIS WAS A POLITICAL ISSUE THAT SHOULD BE SETTLED AT THE NAC AND NOT ONE FOR THE FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS TO DECIDE. US PERMREP CAN INDICATE AT COUNCIL THAT AMBASSADOR GETZ WILLING TO ACCEPT CALL AS SPOKESMAN (PARA 4, REF B) IF NO OTHER COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS FOR JOB.

3. FORECAST OF FUTURE EVENTS

A. 20 MARCH - MBC IN FULL COMMITTEE APPROVES REF C AS MODIFIED UNDER SILENT PROCEDURE RULE.

B. 27 OR 28 MARCH - REF C AS MODIFIED WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS COUNCIL DOCUMENT IN TWO LANGUAGES AND APPROVED BY NAC, HOPEFULLY BEFORE 1 APRIL.

C. 30-31 MARCH - SHAPE FINANCIAL COMPTROLLER REQUESTS DELEGATIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL PAYMENT IN NATIONAL CURRENCIES INTO SHAPE ACCOUNT.

D. FIVE CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES DEPOSIT FUNDS INTO SHAPE ACCOUNT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS AFTER NAC APPROVAL OF DOCUMENT FOR SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER TO GOM. RUMSFELD

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